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SUBJ: GASOLINE FOR GRAND BAHAMA ISLAND

REF: STATE 53490 AND NASSAU 350

- 1. FOR DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION, LOCAL CHEVRON REPRESENTATIVE HAS ADVISED EMBASSY THAT THE COMPANY'S REQUEST FOR A SECOND QUARTER ALLOCATION OF 45,000 BARRELS MOTOR GASOLINE FOR FREE-PORT AREA WAS REJECTED BY HARDSHIP COMMITTEE. CHEVRON IS CONSIDERING AN APPEAL.
- 2. REPRESENTATIVE CLAIMED THAT CHEVRON IS QUITE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT ITS ABILITY TO FIND OTHER SOURCES OF GASOLINE. CHEVRON APPARENTLY WISHES TO BE IN A POSITION TO ASSURE THE GCOB THAT THE NECESSARY SUPPLIES WILL DEFINITELY BE AVAILABLE, I.E. THROUGH A SPECIAL US ALLOCATION TO CHEVRON. HE SAID GCOB HAD PRESSURED BORCO TO INSTALL A MOTOR GASOLINE PRODUCTION CAPABILITY AT ITS FREEPORT REFINERY. BORCO DOES NOT WANT TO DO SO AND FEARS THAT IF GCOB LEARNS OF 2ND QUARTER TURN DOWN IT WILL RENEW THE PRESSURE.
- 3. GULF OIL LEFT AN 80-DAY INVENTORY WHEN IT TERMINATED ITS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONTRACT TO SUPPLY FREEPORT ON MARCH 31. THUS IT HAS NOT YET

BEEN NECESSARY FOR CHEVRON TO CALL UPON THE 17,000 BBL FIRST QUARTER ALLOCATION. BETWEEN THE INVENTORY AND FIRST QUARTER ALLOCATION, CHEVRON EXPECTS TO BE ABLE TO MEET FREEPORT'S REQUIREMENTS UNTIL A NON-US SOURCE CAN BE FOUND. HOWEVER, IN ADDITION TO FORESTALLING GCOB PRESSURE, THE COMPANY WANTS A SECOND QUARTER ALLOCATION TO MEET ANY CONTINGENCIES. SPIERS

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